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SUBJECT: ENHANCE PLUS F5ES

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. TWENTY-ONE F5E AIRCRAFT FROM PRODUCTION PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY TO ROKAF WERE DIVERTED TO ROC TO PERMIT RELEASE OF USAF SQUADRONS BY MAY 31, 1975. THESE AIRCRAFT WILL BE RETURNED TO USG AT RATE OF TWO OR THREE PER MONTH BEGINNING IN JULY OR AUGUST 1975. THEY WILL BE COMPLETELY RECONDITIONED BY ROC AT ITS EXPENSE.

2. WE HAD HOPED THAT THESE PRIOR YEAR (FY 73/74) KOREAN MAP FUNDED AIRCRAFT COULD BE SOLD TO THIRD COUNTRIES IN NEED OF F5ES AND THAT ROKG COULD BE PROVIDED WITH NEW AIRCRAFT FROM PRODUCTION IN EARLY CY 1976. (THESE AIRCRAFT ARE CURRENTLY SLATED FOR USAF INVENTORY). HOWEVER, IF PLANES NOW IN ROC POSSESSION ARE SOLD TO A THIRD COUNTRY,

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FUNDS THUS GENERATED WOULD HAVE TO BE REPROGRAMMED TO

ACQUIRE NEW F5ES FOR ROKG. THIS WOULD BE NEW OBLIGATION OF MAP FUNDS AND WOULD BE SUBJECT TO 1975 LEGISLATIVE CEILING ON MAP OR SIMILAR, PERHAPS MORE RESTRICTIVE, 1976 CEILING. ALSO, ROK MAP MIGHT HAVE TO ASSUME INCREASED PRODUCTION COSTS OF APPROXIMATELY \$700,000 PER PLANE.

3. WE ARE EXPLORING WHETHER THERE ARE ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO HANDLE PROBLEM AND SECURE NEW F5ES FOR KOREA. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS LOOKS INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS BY APRIL 29 OF HOW WE MIGHT HANDLE THIS PROBLEM IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE ROKG REACTIONS TO DELIVERY OF THESE TWENTY-ONE AIRCRAFT FROM ROC.

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